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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 27, 2003 to December 27, 2003.